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SUBJECT: OECD/CSTP: FIRST MEETING OF WORKING PARTY
ON INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY
(ICCP), MARCH 1-3, 1977. DECISIONS.

REF: DSTI/ICCP/77.1 1ST REVISION (DRAFT AGENDA)

1. SUMMARY. ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES EXCEPT ICELAND, NEW ZEALAND AND TURKEY WERE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING, VERY ABLY CHAIRED BY MARTIN-LOF, SWEDISH MEMBER OF CSTP. VICE-CHAIRMEN WERE ELECTED ON COUNTRY BASIS (FRG, SPAIN, US). FIFTEEN COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY FORMER IPG OR CUG MEMBERS (IN SOME CASES, ONE FROM EACH OF THE FORMER GROUPS). THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY JOHN RICHARDSON, COMMERCE/OT AND WILLIAM FISHMAN, OTP. US SPOKE TO ALL ITEMS ALONG LINES OF GUIDANCE BY DEPARTMENT/OES. MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DECISION: (A) MANDATE OF ICCP, (B) IMPLEMENTATION OF 1977 PROGRAM, (C) 1978 PROGRAM PRIORITIES. NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 22-23, 1977. UNCLASSIFIED

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END SUMMARY.

2. MANDATE SPT(76)40, DSTI/ICCP/77.10. THE ORIGINAL MANDATE, REVISED IN TERMS OF THE CSTP'S COMMENTS LAST MONTH, WAS REISSUED AS DSTI/ICCP/7710. THIS WAS SUBJECTED TO FURTHER REVISION, VIRTUALLY ALL OF AN EDITORIAL NATURE, AND A NEW VERSION WILL

BE SENT OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. 1977 PROGRAM. (A) TRANSBORDER DATA FLOW -SYMPOSIUM, DSTI/CUA/76.37. THE AUSTRIAN MEMBER ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD AGREED TO HOLDING THE SYMPOSIUM IN VIENNA, SEPTEMBER 20-23, BUT HAD EXPLICITLY TURNED DOWN THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL TO INVITE NON-OECD PARTICIPANTS. ATTENDANCE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (OTHER THAN EEC) WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THE WP STRONGLY ENDORSED THE IDEA OF THE SYMPOSIUM, AND LEFT IT TO THE STEERING GROUP TO CONTINUE PREPARATIONS (SEE SEPTEL ON MARCH 4 STEERING GROUP MEETING). (B) MACRO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES DSTI/ICCP/77.5. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROGRAM, CONCERNED WITH THE ANALYTICAL AND METHODO-LOGICAL FRAMEWORK LEAVING INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS TO A LATER STAGE. A US OUTLINE, BASED ON THE STUDY BY MARC PORAT, WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT AND TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WP. (ACTION: AN EXPLORATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21-22. NOMINATIONS REQUESTED SOONEST).

(C) GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION POLICY, DSTI/ICCP/77.6. THE WP ENDORSED THE CURRENT PROJECTS ON (I) "NATIONAL STRUCTURES IN THE ICCP FIELD", AND (II) "USER NEEDS". QUESTIONS OF COPYRIGHT WERE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND THE ABILITY OF THE ICCP TO HANDLE, BUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A SHORT BACKGROUND PAPER ON THE MAIN ISSUES AS AFFECTED BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION.
(D) TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION TRANSFER, DSTI/ICCP/77.7 AND SPT(76)49 PAGE 3. ONCE AGAIN, THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT ANY PROJECT IN THIS FIELD MUST BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OECD'S BROADER MISSION IN THE PART OF THE N-S DIALOGUE CONCERNED WITH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. BEFORE AGREEING TO EITHER AN EXPERT GROUP OR A CONSULTANT REPORT, THE WP CHARGED THE SECRETARIAT WITH (I) MAKING AN INVENTORY OF EXISTING OECD MEMBER-COUNTRY BI- AND MULTI-LATERAL EFFORTS, (II) LIST PROGRAMS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INFORMATION TRANSFER FIELD (III) COORDINATE WITH

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AND REPORT ON APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES IN THE OECD. THE SECRETARIAT WILL REPORT ON ALL THE ABOVE IN NOVEMBER.

- (E) INFORMATION FOR INDUSTRY, DSTI/ICCP/77.8. NO EXPERT GROUP UNTIL SECRETARIAT HAS COME UP WITH BETTER DEFINITION OF THE ACTIVITY.
- (F) LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SPT(76)4L. A PHASE-OUT MEETING OF THE STEERING PANEL WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28-29 TO REVISE DRAFT REPORT (ACTION: PLEASE INFORM US IF DON LURIA WILL ATTEND).
- 4. 1978 PROGRAM PRIORITIES, SPT(76)25. ANNEX I
 AND DSTI/ICCP/77.9. THE ICCP/WP WAS ASKED TO GIVE
 HIGH (H), MEDIUM (M), AND LOW (L) PRIORITY RATINGS
 TO THE ELEVEN PROGRAM THEMES. THE RESULT WAS AS
 FOLLOWS, IN H, M, L ORDER:
 THEME I. TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS, PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND RIGHT OF

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5. NEXT ICCP MEETING: NOVEMBER 22-23, 1977.

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